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Dear Lowell:

I appreciate your letter of 10 December and congratulate you on the effectiveness of your intelligence operation as regards my young daughter, Joan. I have passed this on to her and I know it will be a real encouragement for the New Year.

On another point, I do not feel that your "intelligence" is entirely up to date. Cinerama has been a huge success not only in Damascus but also in Bangkok. It is a potent instrument in the battle for men's minds and I know that Ted Streibert at USIA fully shares this view. There are some problems due to the difficulty of finding adequate theaters in many countries abroad and the very heavy expenses but I can assure you that people here in Washington recognize the potentialities which Cinerama presents to us.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

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Director

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December 10, 1954

Dear Allen,

I think you had better put me on your espionage team. At a luncheon for Chancellor Raab, where I happened to be making a few remarks the other day, there was a lovely young woman sitting directly below me. I'm afraid I stared at her. At any rate, half way through the Chancellor's speech, in German, I made a bet with myself. Although I had never seen her, or even a photograph, I said "I'll wager that's the daughter of Clover and Allen Dulles."

May I congratulate you both. I thought she was beautiful and charming.

When are you and your brother going to take your families to see Cinerama? This new medium could be used in an extraordinary way to the advantage of Uncle Sam. But, so far, despite the exciting news from Damascus, it has not been used properly for the good of the cause, and so on.

Cordially,

*Lowell*

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